

well now about coming to Park ave. --

I did have dinner with them that evening, The dining room room table was so long - I marveled that there was no telephone service from one end to the other, there were 3 gorgeous bouquets of white chrysanthemums and Snap dragons on the table, The Butler and maid served us, First Port (the Butler) then Terese made a trip around the table, Such silver, such porcelain, and such many hab linen - The meal was just a little every day snack for Hilma (the cook) did not know I was coming until 10 min in advance - then was chicken soup and dumplings like ours, next turkey (rice instead of Potatoes) Pear salad and for Dessert a beautiful mound of ice cream, all food comes on Silver Platters - and cake and after dinner coffee in the library, The Clark's were "dressed" as they are every evening for dinner - which is at 8 P.M.

We talked a while - they told me of Robin away at boarding school in Carolina - and their two older girls - one at Vassar, and one in Froscroft school for girls - Then Mrs Clark took me upstairs which means the 11 floor of the apartment building but reached by a beautiful stairway leading from their downstairs rooms, all entirely within their apartment and not going to the outer hall where the elevator is, She showed me "my" room - a very large and nice one, I have my own bath room, as does everyone here, There are five complete baths on this floor, and I haven't been back to the servants quarters but they look as if they took baths too, so I suppose there are at least two more if not three that I haven't seen. Then we went into Robin's room and I remarked right away about the lovely "Arthur Rackham" picture on the wall, She grabbed me and said, you know about Arthur Rackham? wait till I get down and tell John! we simply must have you for Robin!!

This led into children's books and stories, and they got down books, and he read to me, and I read a little, and then he much more, and I didn't get away till 11:30 I told them I wanted till the next day to think it over about coming and would call them, "That's all right will wait for you to call, but promise to come back and see us even if you don't feel you can spend the Holidays here"

Well I got out to Columbia after 12 and beat it right over to Mrs. McHugh (I think she's one of Vera's Instructors, and she's so very nice to Vera)



Got her out of bed to hear my escapade and asked her if I was crazy if I went e.c.t. we talked it over and I decided to go, (also over half of my school fund is gone, and half the year isent over)

Well now since I've come - I have breakfast in bed, except I mostly get up and go into Robins room, and the maid brings a small table for me and I eat with him - He stays in bed -

Lunch and dinner I have in the dining room with the family, which vely surprises me, for after all I'm only the help, but they certainly treat me extra special - not that they are unkind to their help - they arent, They're lovely to them but they all have their place -

I just love Bertha, she one of the upstairs maids, Swedish and just darling, There's many up here too - I've seen five of the servants so far -

The 1st morning Mrs. Clark handed me \$15 for cab-fare e.c.t. - and just kept this in a separate purse, and dont hand me any account of what all these bills are, I've got so much to look over, just tell me when its gone and Ill give you more (But all bet Vera will keep track of it o.k.)

So I traped back + forth on fri. + Sat. to Classes - Sun. they took me along to the movie, I've only been to one since I came to N.Y. They cost \$1.50 pr.

we went to see Song of the South which was very good -  
Tonight after dinner (Robin has his in his room at 6<sup>30</sup> and goes to bed at 7 P.M.)

we read stories till almost twelve and he loved it. It certainly is interesting what a different idea I had of millionaires - not that all of them are like them either, But these love their children and stay home at nights, which was quite a surprise to me - I seemed to have passed the test - as far as Robin is concerned, "See mom" he told her, do you know what Vera did for me?

she threw me in bed! (and I had - and he liked it) I like her better than Mornzella or Missa Mills (his two other long time governesses) well youngsters are apt to prefer the Present to the Past -

now mama send this on to Helen - and Helen send this on to Eula in Calif as I cant write more than once - then Eula return it to mom in D.C. -

Only now you return this copy to me will you?  
But send Vera's letter on to Helen -

Love from

Mom. Petersen

G'ma's visit  
to Clarks in  
their Park Ave  
apt.

VDP was a  
tutor? 'nanony?  
1949? 50?





BRONX CENTRAL  
STATION



About seeing the Cloisters  
Mr. + Mrs. Thorwald Petersen  
Box 5 and its museums  
Dike, Iowa

October 4, 1949



Sunday Evening

Dear folks.

You should see all my little  
"green guys" - they have such a nice  
wood to live in over on top of  
my chest of drawers - which got a  
new glass top on this summer, so I



can set plants in pots on it  
without worrying about water pots.

I got two little fat pots full of  
soy and some of the boys are sitting  
in among it & what with my new  
green wall paper & draperies they certainly  
have a good place. (Start here -)

This afternoon "Madam"  
and Marguerite & I went up to the  
cloisters which is a branch of the  
Metropolitan Museum of Art it is  
about a hundred blocks north of  
our school here - along the Hudson  
River where they have built up  
replicas of old churches & church  
rooms & courts & one can find  
church statuary & architecture from  
many countries from different



Centuries - old stone & marble columns  
from some church or a carved wood  
door - alters from here & there have  
been brought - beautiful tapestries  
bigger than our living room floor etc.  
It is really a jewel of a little place.  
Tonight we had picnic supper in  
my room as the school Cafeteria is  
not open on Sunday.

Did you have a freeze yet?

Love from Vera



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BRONX CENTRAL  
STATION

AIR 6 CENTS MAIL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

About the gilt edging shop

Mr. & Mrs. Thorvald Petersen

Box —

Dike, Iowa

Oct 22, 1949



Friday Evening

Dear Folks -

I got the scissors in fine shape  
and am sending the purchase price here in !!!

No I don't think Uncle Cal can be  
persuaded to come to Dixie this fall. I  
think we would have to take him by  
surprise & "take him" too! He just wants  
to stay home I guess.

I went downtown to a "gilt - edging"  
place today to get that fancy edition of "Little  
Prudy" that I bought this summer gilt on  
the edges. I got the book for 10¢ & its going to  
cost \$2 to get it gilt but my will Muriel  
Fuller (children's editor at Shaver Nelsons) ever be  
delighted to get it for her collection - & she has  
gotter so many things for me.



But what I meant to tell you was what  
an interesting ramshackle place MARCHETTI's  
is. every one was working on gilding the edges of  
something, playing cards, grating card, edges of  
heavy cardboard ads & are in stores, books - bibles etc.  
stacks of book - maybe three feet of them packed between  
vices are scraped even on the edges then a glue is  
applied then gold leaf & later it is pressed in or burnished  
as they call it. It was very interesting to watch.

Tomorrow evening all of the staff from Agnes Russell  
Center are going over to Mr. & Mrs. Spencer's for supper Mr. S.  
is our new co-ordinator this year.

Sunday evening Madame and I are  
going out to eat dinner with Miss Lomis who works  
in our office here at Whittier Hall. She is that lovely retired  
teacher who works here. Then we are going to her apartment.

All the little green guys are just at home now  
in New York. I got them a couple nice pots of corgi's to  
play in & they seem to like it. I got my Blue Bayle today  
tell Dorothy Schmidt it was fun  
to get! -  
Love from Van



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Dear Grandma.

I feel guilty for not writing to you before now but I know you'll understand when I have explained. The last month I have been living in a sort of haze. My mother's mother was brought to Ed. here just before Christmas, she improved very much in that she was able to be up in a chair every day, she had a stroke 8 yrs ago which left her helpless on right side below hips, but was bright & healthy in every other way. About 6 weeks ago she developed pneumonia and rallied from that, but not strong so gradually became weaker. The last week was terribly hard on me, she failed so and at last couldn't speak nor recognize me. A week ago Monday she passed away very quietly. I would never wish her back but one is never prepared when the parting comes. She had lived her life to 89 yrs - 90 in June had a useful and full life. We had the funeral on Good Friday, so I was home til Sunday nite was nice to be home I hadn't intended doing so but these things we never know. My mother is not so well, her nerves are bad, the ordeal has been hard on her too, we were afraid on Sat eve. she was going to have a nervous collapse, but I think she will come around with good care and my dad gives that and my



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one sister is at home. Now enough for all this but now you will understand why I haven't written to thank you for the sheets.

They came on Saturday and Lois opened them, she said they were done up so nicely with Easter wrappings. We both thank you so much, the price is fine & you needn't worry about a thing. We got some pillow tubing from Lois' Aunt in Seattle and they match the sheets almost perfectly.

Bread has taken another cent rise here, so we are trying out & baking bread for a month to see if there's any difference, outside of we like home-made better. I am baking today. 6 loaves seem to see us over the week, with a few buns in between. I don't mind doing it, baking bread isn't such a big chore now with the fast yeast.

Teddy was 2 yrs Tuesday, but everyone was so busy he didn't have a cake, his mommy made one this a.m. so he'll have it tonight. Your parcel came today so she opened it at noon, of course there's always such a good time doing that. The sunset looks so cute. Ted's getting so grown up, Chatteris all the time you surely have to listen closely, he talks so fast and doesn't appreciate having to repeat things for you. Just loves when he gets one over Ann. Ann is going through a period right now so that it's very hard for her to mind. So she has a little trouble



II nearly every day. She says she does the things because she wants to be that way. We hope it's not for long, but it's hard to learn. She's getting ~~so~~ grown up, is thrilled about her new coat, her mommy made, likes to dress up in her new dresses, more now than ever before. They are really interesting but keep one thinking to keep a jump ahead of them.

Teddy has taken the notion to want to sleep in Ann's bed for his p.m. nap, it is permitted on one condition he doesn't get out or look out the window otherwise no go for a few days. Today he went to sleep so quietly with his new elephant, didn't think about getting out.

You remember the little two piece romper suit you sent Ted last year, either Christmas or his birthday, do you remember what you paid for it.

Reason I am asking I was wanting to know if you could get something similar to that cheaper than we do here. That was such a cute little affair. My nephews are coming near the 1 yr mark I would like to get them a suit apiece, so if it's convenient would appreciate ~~your~~ hearing, or maybe you'd have some cute suggestion for two little biddies. I surely love them and would spoil them if I were with them very long. But then like Vera says - what are grandparents + aunts for eh!



IV We had a nice rain yesterday, but the wind blew  
wild all day today, you'd never know it had rained.  
We're having so much wind this spring, I hope it stops  
soon, one feels so dirty all the time and it's so  
miserable but.

I think I have rambled on a plenty for this time  
so will say bye for this time. Again (wv) Lora and  
I say thank you so much.

Love  
E. Stelle.



dear Vera,

It was ~~a~~ most wonderful Christmas! The children were big enough to have such fun that everyone enjoyed it that much more!

Thank you very, very much for the lovely gifts to the children! Ted and Ann both love the chair and use it a great many times a day. The dresses for Mary and Ann are exquisite - both of them. Ann's is amply large or will be a good one for a long time. The green one has been her Christmas party dress this year. It's still

a very good size for her - so  
perhaps she'll be going to  
kindergarten in the one you  
sent this year! Estelle just  
said this morning - "If your  
sister and your mother keep  
supplying Ann with good  
dresses you won't have to  
do much sewing for her!"  
I certainly do appreciate your  
taking time out to do the  
dresses when I know you  
are so extremely busy and  
not too strong either. Thanks  
& million!!!

We had a wonderful  
week. Wincombe and Marguerite

and family came in for  
New Year's. We always have  
a big visit with them.  
New Year's Eve we had a  
cocktail party before we went to  
the dance. Fred was on the  
committee for the dance so  
we had a busy evening.

Classes begin tomorrow  
again so we will soon  
be back in the groove.

Please write and tell us about  
your Christmas with the  
Clarks. Thanks so much  
for your good letter  
written Christmas day.



— A hapse - Visitas to see  
the Sept. and I'm thoovly over  
here at present. So now its  
time to take off for my  
cherubs and home!

Happy, Happy 1949  
to you families all!

"We hope to have you dine  
with us in ' 49!"

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Love,

Ann and Ted,  
Delmond and Ted

Sunday afternoon

Dear Vera,

What a lovely surprise  
to have the announcement  
of the three year subscription  
to "House Beautiful"!

Thank you so very much  
from both of us! Here's  
hoping that it won't  
be too long before it will  
repose on our coffee table  
in our own "House



Beautiful"! The architect  
is having the plans  
blue printed now and  
we should be able to see  
a contractor in a week or  
so to find out our price!

We have had a nice  
restful weekend. This  
afternoon we were all for  
a long walk over the  
campus. We stopped  
in to watch the faculty  
badminton club at  
play and then we

went to the varsity  
rink and watched the  
students skate. The  
temperature was up to  
20° above zero this afternoon.  
It was lovely after so many  
days of 10° and 20° below  
zero. The past two days  
were very bad because  
of a 29 mile an hour wind.  
That's cold in this country  
with both low temp. and  
a little wind.

The children are busy  
writing letters to Grandma.

Writing means writing to  
Grandma to Ted as well  
as to ~~you~~ Ann. Next fall  
you and grandpa will  
also be in the running  
when they have gotten  
acquainted with them.

I finished a roll of film  
on my camera this afternoon.  
If any pictures are good you  
shall have some.

Best wishes to you from  
us all! We are surely  
looking forward to your  
coming this summer!

Sincerely,

Helen



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Dear Vera,

We hear from Mike that the vacation date has been set at July 15<sup>th</sup> or thereabouts for the Canadian Tour! We're very glad. Come soon as you can!

So sorry we can't seem to make three teas at the faculty house - though we would qualify as "members, their families" if we were there, wouldn't we?

Glad you like the pictures of our wee ones. You will certainly not lack for conversation when you come and Ann starts in entertaining you!!! She



is positively the most  
questioning youngster here in  
the neighborhood. Everyone  
concedes her the honor (doubt-  
ful or not!) Ted is busy talking  
too. You should hear him  
say "Gosh"! His favorite  
characters are "Bumpy-dumpy",  
"Lucky" and the "Barber" from  
Mother Goose. He reads  
"Sat. Ev. Post" and "Time"  
regularly too and comments  
on the various illustrations.

I haven't a rolling pin  
for making Anise cookies.  
The children surely enjoy  
their chairs. They sit on them

in the evening after dinner  
when we have a "fire". Everyone  
sits quietly while we have the  
"fire" and daddy tells a story.

We have an inter-Com. system  
so that we can "baby-sit" over  
the radio for any of the neighbors  
children if the parents want to  
go out. Ted had fun telling  
Ann and Ted a story "over the  
radio" from the basement one  
evening. Ted was very surprised  
when the voice in the radio said,  
"Teddy, sit down!" His eyes  
were big as saucers!

Rockers or chairs would be  
lovely - but we'd be ever so  
happy to have them - but  
don't spend money you need



on us. We didn't have to  
pay duty on the last one. \$10.00  
still the limit though for Mr. + Mrs.

Have two talks this week -  
one on Wednesday and the other  
on Friday evening. Fred has a  
radio paper on Wednesday  
evening, too. So we are booked  
up as usual.

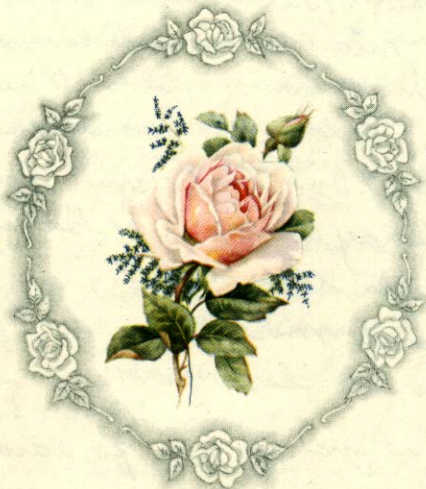
Must get to bed now -  
lecture early in the morning.

Best wishes from us all  
to our Aunt Vera!

Sincerely,  
Ann and Ted,  
Helen and Fred

Edmonton, Alberta  
February 7, 1949







anyhow now people know it  
wasn't your Parents that brag  
or you, But we are so happy about  
it, mite came over to congratulate  
us this morning and to tell you  
Hello, Today and many days in  
the past we thought of your work  
for today and prayed God would  
help you thru it all.

I'll write more soon. but for  
now its love from  
P.S. mom - Dad  
Dad is just looking forward to  
the day you come home so we can  
scot off for Canada.  
when is your Teaching over?

Frie -

Dear Vera

Its 2 o' 12 noon, but I must send  
you the latest news in "The Pike  
Sneak" and its some squeak too,  
last mite when Dad got home the  
paper he asked if I'd put this in the  
paper about you, I ans, no,  
what is it, well you read it.

well I hadn't even mentioned it  
to a soul, I had a chance to call  
Mrs Adam Dietrich if she had  
done it, altho I didn't think so,  
no she knew nothing of it but  
so glad to read it. she said she  
that the College had done it.



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BUZZA-CARDOZO  
HOLLYWOOD



**Vera Petersen Is Member of  
National Honor Society**

Vera D. Petersen of Dike is one of 32 students initiated into the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Pi Lambda Theta this winter at Teachers College, Columbia University, Provost Milton C. Del Manzo has announced.

Pi Lambda Theta is a national honorary society for women in education. Its new members this term were drawn from 6800 students enrolled in Teachers College, the graduate school of education at Columbia University.





10432-81 Ave.

February 22<sup>nd</sup>/1919

Dear Grandma <sup>(Intercom)</sup>

I want to ~~stop~~ in and have a chat with you before I can to bed. There's a play on the radio so I have one ear to it.

How are you, I hear you maybe coming up in July to see us, that will be so nice the time will surely go quickly. There's only about 6 weeks left or so of University left and Mrs. B. will be finished, she is getting pretty tired at times, of course she never lets any one know, until she's down and out. If she gets her rest at night I mean getting to bed early. There is always something to be done or some where to go. I'm glad she's

not teaching Summer School, she needs some time to her self, especially if she plans to teach next fall I don't know her plans at all.

The little "tikes" have colds and it has been so cold here of late, that they don't get out and some times it's awfully hard to get along. Most of the time they play fine together, but when Ann begins to get too bony Ted back fires.

Something that is very amusing with Ted, I heard him saying some thing to Ann, ~~or~~ which he seemed quite annoyed, Ann was pushing him around, and he was telling her off. "You know you shouldn't push people." I really had to smile but it was the very thing Ann's folks had been telling her and Ted knew it was the right place to use the phrase.



1/2 He even tells his dad, 'you know you shouldn't spank people, and really looks quite annoyed too. He says so many cute things now and does so many more things at his age than Ann did, but I believe it's because he has Ann to play with.

The other day he came to the kitchen and wanted a bit, wanted it for Mary he told me. She was on his chair Vera sent and he was going to feed her her lunch. In a few minutes Mary was sitting on the basement stairs. I asked him what he was doing, he said Mary is crying so must sit on stairs til she stops. I sure laughed, but it was real to him, because that's what he has to do when he cries.

Miss Patrick has to move I guess as Mrs. Stover has sold her house, where she moves she doesn't know or hasn't said if she does. I hope it's while I'm away on holidays because the "stuff" she has to move oh dear me, such things she has stored away under the eaves in that house. I'm getting pretty tired of her and I think I'll finish off this summer. She has so many small ideas for a woman in her position, certainly a real old maid. I hope I never get like that.

Grandma can you get shooting by the yard down your way. I'd like to have a pair not too expensive, you know about what my price range would be. You wouldn't need to send them, when you come would be plenty time. I hope you don't think me nervous asking you, you can let me know sometime.

Now I must off to bed I have a cold in my head makes me feel miserable. Bye for now Love Estelle.



Wednesday 1 p.m.

Dear Grandma.

The two little tykes are in bed for their nap. Ann's card arrived this morning from you, being Mrs. B. is not at home nor Mr. B. so I am the chief cook and bottle washer.

I have intended writing to you some time ago, but I can't keep up with the time, so it goes so fast all the time.

I know Mrs. B. had intended writing to you last week, but she was busy with Young People's Farm Week which finished Friday and we have been working on these floors here - we are redoing them, she has been varnish-



them at night, but if you mean the money you sent Mrs. B. yes she did receive it, before her birthday.

Mrs. B didn't go south, Mr. B couldn't get a car, I was sorry she couldn't, they needed to get away together for a while! So Mr. B. left Sun. nite on train for Calgary, and Mrs. B left in the p.m. for Vermilion with Newcombe & Margaret, they were here for the weekend. Mrs. B didn't want to go, she had so many excuses or thought she had to be here that's the way it's been every time, the folks have wanted her to go. She wouldn't ask me to come Sun. nite so I heard what was up and told her to go. She'll be home tomorrow, but I'm so glad she went, she needed a little while ~~and~~ away from home.

Yesterday was Ann's big day we had the big party she has talked months about. I had the youngsters  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 yrs. - 7 all together, and plenty too, really after I fed those youngsters, I think the Bentley's youngsters are almost 100% behaved - mannered & eating is



tops. Those other kids had as much on the out side, as inside. so I was very proud of the little B's. Ann was so excited, she kept reminding me on Mon. we'd have to take letters to all the youngsters, so I made little invitations & she was thrilled taking them from door to door. At four when they started coming & gave her <sup>a</sup> gift, she didn't say "come in". thank you (pen dry please excuse) she was so excited over the gifts. She said to me on Monday she hoped the youngsters would bring her a present. She had a real time and



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Ann and Ted were so excited Mrs. B said they are campaigning for a new baby sister for next Christmas such youngsters eh!

Lois and I are to be at the B's for supper tomorrow nite afterward to make candy, the youngsters are so excited you'd think it were the king coming, don't see the thrill of my coming but it's nice to know they like me that much.

Mrs. B. hadn't heard from you for such a long time she was thinking you were sick, but was glad to hear you were okay but very busy.

Christmas has lost it real meaning to the world its advertised as Santa Claus - gifts - high spirits etc. We have most our cards now & its 10 days 'til Christmas - its been Christmas down town since middle of November.



II I think I've rambled on long  
enough, but wanted to have this  
pre-Christmas chat with you both,  
trust you have a joyous Christmas  
and a real new year to come.  
much love

Estelle.



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Tuesday

Dear Vera,

We surely enjoyed the  
Easter cards for the children!  
Ann likes to have her  
card read again and again.  
Thanks also for the article  
about Miss Harriett and Miss  
Vette. Now I have two and I'm  
so glad to have both.

Thanks for sending the S.S.  
catalogue for Alethea. She  
will be glad to have it  
when it arrives.

This is the last week of  
classes. I'm busy with



notebooks and assignments  
which must be looked  
into.

Glad to hear that Doris  
Thurnia is coming to see you as  
you will have fun.

We have reorganized  
some of our furniture so that  
we now have a "space"  
bedroom all ready for  
our summer guests.  
Hope you come soon.

Ted is such fun these  
days. One day when I  
asked him to come he  
replied, "I can't, mommy,

I'm busy!"

He is assisting with Ann's  
education, too. He frequently  
says, "Ann! don't 'peak  
that way!" As if Ann  
seems to be going on at some  
length he'll remark, "Ann's  
a romancer!"

Ann and a little boy  
about her age had such  
fun for a couple of days  
picking each other with  
"Hello! pooh, pooh!" Then  
they both go into gales of



laughter. A third little  
Yorkster said to me, "They  
shouldn't speak that way,  
should they?"

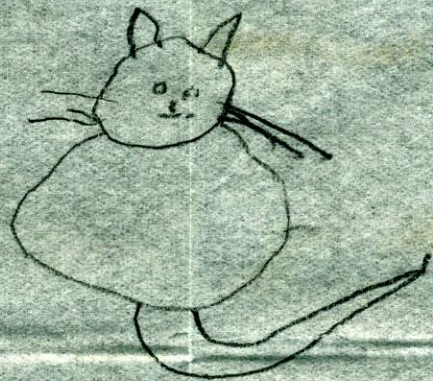
Thanks so much for  
sending mother's letter  
in to us!!

Must go get some  
sleep - Dad's at a  
meeting this evening.

Much love,

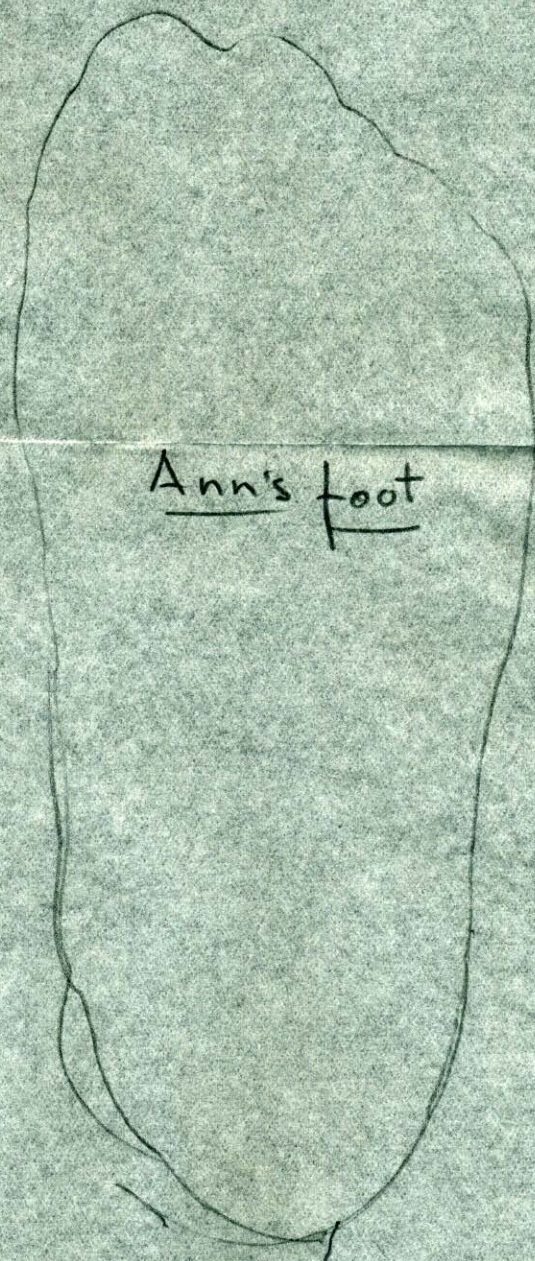
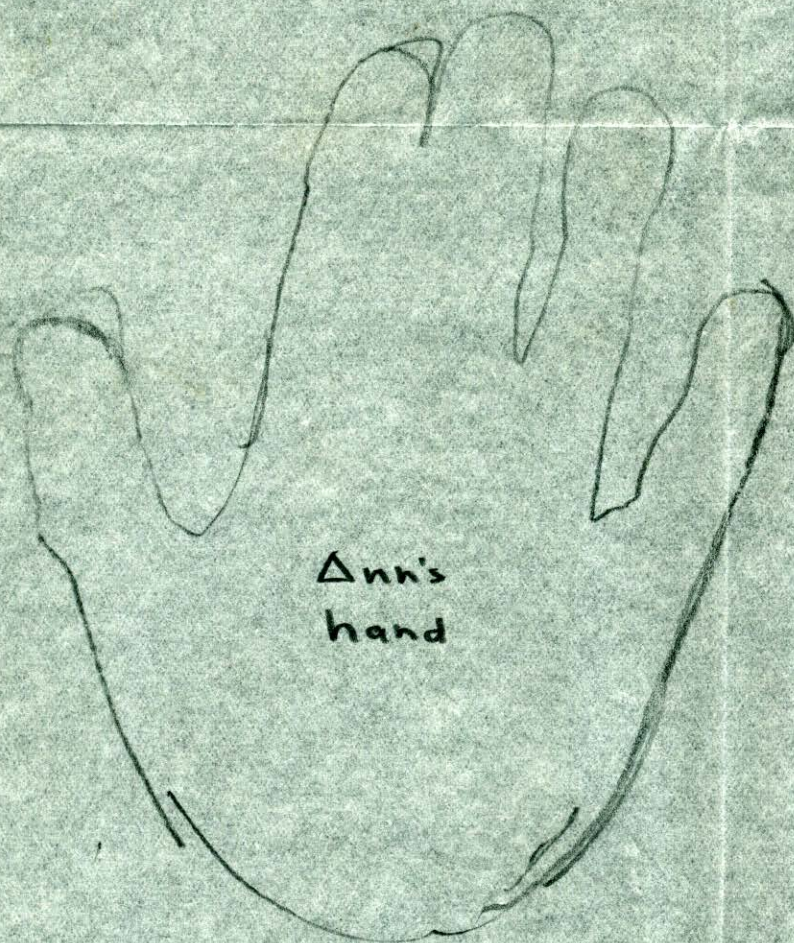
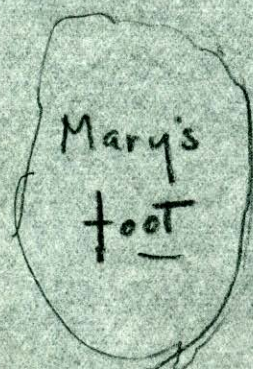
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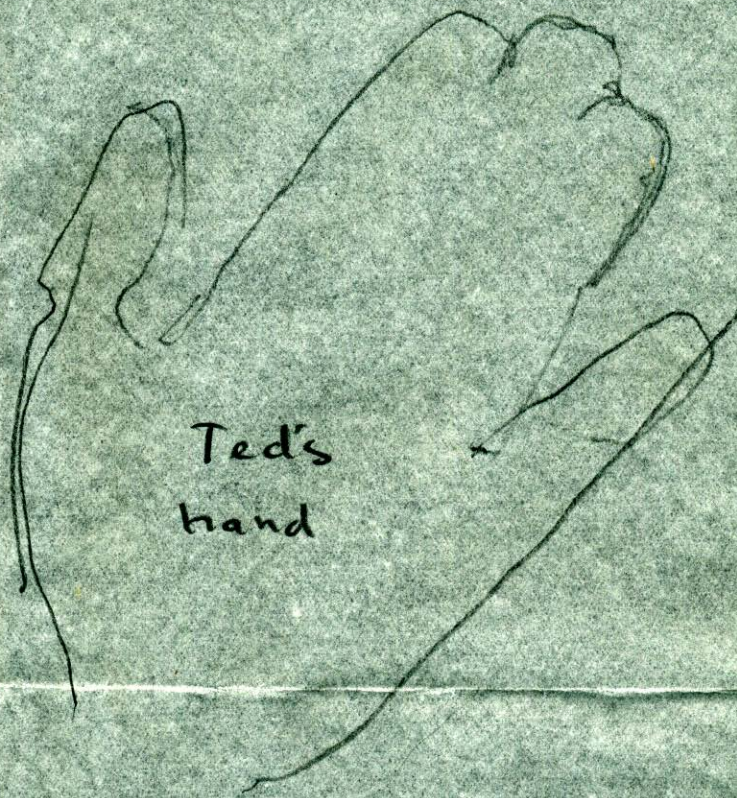


ANN'S  
CAT









Ted's  
hand



10432-81 Ave  
Edmonton Alta.



Mrs. Thorwald Petersen  
Like,  
Iowa.



10432-81 Ave

October 3<sup>rd</sup>/49

Dear Grandma -

I feel fully ashamed in not writing to you before this time, really I'm not going to make excuses. First of all you went home too soon, I never dreamt you'd be gone when I came back, your visit was far too short, but was glad we had as much coffee together as we did. ha. It was grand seeing you again and meeting Mr. Petersen and Vera.

The summer has gone so quickly, winter will be creeping in on us before we know it. I had a nice summer, we had a nice time in Winnipeg, but for the heat, my word I couldn't take it, had a severe stomach flu, it was such intense heat. didn't cool at nites I believe I prefer sunny Alberta not being so hot.

I'm sure Mrs. B told you I have



been with the "dear old soul" all of September, while waiting to find out if Mrs. B were to teach, which came through last Wednesday or Thursday, really think it's awful the way she (Mrs. B) does business. You see she had me during Sept to keep me, otherwise she knew Mrs. B wouldn't teach unless I came back, so it sure cost ~~the~~ her a few shikels which was very hard on her. Really wish you were near so I could tell you a few things, takes too long to write. All I can say is September was one of longest and most nerve racking month I've put in for many a moon.

Mrs. B. said to me today "well, Estelle did you get Mabel settled?" I said as settled as shell ever be, which is true. My mother says to me "why do you stay with her?" Wish someone would answer that for me.

"I was so glad to know I was going back to Bentley's, really today was a grand day. I told Mrs. B I had a good day, no one to find fault or check up on some silly thing.

Jeddy and Ann have grown so much and changed in many things. Ann and I I'm afraid will have a little time getting reacquainted in some things, but it won't be so hard, her folks surely put her straight on things.

Jed is such a little man, talks so much more and plainer than he did. My he really enjoys his meals and little lunches. It's a pleasure to cook for him, no fussing around he eats, caring not what goes on around him.

We are having wonderful thrashing weather here now, hope it continues this month.



About my bill I owe you, please don't think I have forgotten it, not in the least and I will send it soon to you.

I trust you folks are real well. I had the pleasure of meeting Aunt Jenny, my I think she's sweet. has such a real sense of humor

Feel very weary now so believe I will retire.

Goodbye for now will keep you posted on Bentley kinder.

Love  
Estelle.



11245 - 87th Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta  
October 7, 1949

Dear folks,

We surely have enjoyed seeing all the pictures you sent us. Thank you so much for giving them to us! Your two letters came today and I surely do thank you for the bonus, too. That was surely a surprise and a most unexpected one.

The Knowles' were very glad to have the picture of "Cream Puff" and Teddy. They send their thanks to you too.

We haven't any pictures as I didn't get to use my Kodak while you were here. However, here are two which were taken at the lake plus the negative you asked for. I was going to



enclose these with dad's bro<sup>2</sup>  
but I haven't been able to get  
near the bookstore window  
for students the last ten days.  
Each day I go down there are  
from twenty to thirty students  
lined up for supplies and I  
just can't wait very long. Perhaps  
by next week the students will  
have gotten most of their supplies  
and I can get in to get the  
book. So in the meantime  
here are the pictures.

Aunt Jenny didn't say  
anything about going to Dixie.  
We didn't talk about it while  
she was here.

About the shirts for Ann -  
anything like Teas - or if they  
are a bit lighter in weight it

is all right too.

This is my schedule at school  
so that you can keep up with us:

Mon.	3-5 p.m.	Thurs.	10-11 a.m.
Tues.	10-11, 12-3	Fri.	3-5 p.m.
Wed.	2-4 p.m.	Sat.	10-11 a.m.

These are my hours, actual class  
instruction and don't include the time  
I need for preparation. Estelle is going  
to be at Miss Patrick's on Monday and  
Tuesday mornings.

We had a nice letter from Uncle  
Carl yesterday telling about himself  
and when Vera was visiting  
him. I'm sending him some of  
the pictures we took this summer.

Again we are about to start  
winter here. We had our first  
snow last night - a very little bit  
but the youngsters were busy  
scrapping the sidewalk before we had  
breakfast this morning. Ted thought  
it was very good to eat!



Teddy is now at the stage where he thinks he's grown up.

"Don't kiss me, mommy!"

"I not a baby. I big!"

"I not a blue eyed baby. I Teddy Bentley!" Tonight he unlaced his shoes and took them and his socks off alone. He thinks it fun to do things like that. He and Ann washed the breakfast dishes and I rewiped a few for them.

Monday is our Thanksgiving Day here and we surely have a great deal for which to be happy in the Bentley house this year with a new house coming up for us.

Will let you know what I spend the money for when I make the big decision! Sincerely,

Helen



*Greetings!*





May Christmas greetings  
fill your day  
A happy one  
in every way ;  
Your Christmas wishes  
all come true,  
And bring you joy  
A whole year  
through.



"In thy presence is fullness of joy;  
at thy right hand there are pleasures  
for evermore."—Psalm 16:11.



but we must talk it over before mother leaves so we weren't cross on the way, really was cute to hear him talk about it, he really scolded Ann because she wasn't concerned about talking it over.

The other day oh about a week or two back Ted was sitting in the big chair looking at a book he stopped and said to me "would you may come to our house for Christmas eve, then naming off the others who would be there, was as serious as could be.

Ann told me I don't take as long to do her hair as daddy does, "he takes such an awfully long time," I assured her, her dad made a better job than I did, she admitted he did even better than mother. She's surely good having her hair done.

This is a good one. At the same time I was getting compliments she told me Toni's mummy was saving all his diapers because they were going to grow a baby sister next year, I asked her who told her that, Mrs. Orchard Toni's mother, so Mr. B. says will have to observe hahaha. Can't you hear him. I really thought that a good one, and Ann was dead serious.

Catherine Jane (Cream Puff) has a new baby sister born yesterday, I think they wanted a boy

10432-81 Ave.  
December 15<sup>th</sup>/1949.

Dear Grandma.

I think I'm safe in writing this will be my last letter to you in 1949, but I realized I should take time to give you a few of the latest high-lites of the Bentley Household. First of all we are all fine, but oh so busy. Mrs. B had two radio talks last week and this week, but now are history, of course needless to say they were very well written and given.

Ann heard her mother for awhile on Wednesday she said to me: "Mummy is talking about Christmas decorations," then I heard her later saying "hello mummy," then she went out to play.

She's very excited about Christmas-have both been down to see Santa, as you have been told Ted asked Santa for a telephone as I see on your one parcel. He'll have one. He was certainly settled on one though, told me it was only a "pretend" but some day his dad would have a real one.

Ted was very concerned the other day about talking things over before we plan to do anything. Quite often we go to meet mother after class





Cute things in these letters  
about Amy & Ted

Done

Save for them to read